

REMARKS

As indicated in the Notice of Allowance dated on March 4, 2008, claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-12, 14-15, 17-21, 23-24, 30 and 35-41 were pending and were allowed by the Examiner. Upon a careful review of these allowed claims, claims 35-41 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 11 and 21 have been amended only for purposes of clarity and brevity that are unrelated to patentability and prior art rejections. As a result, only claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-12, 14-15, 17-21, 23-24 and 30 are now pending in this application.

Since claims 1, 11 and 21 have been amended, an Amendment under 37 CFR §1.132 is no longer an option. As a result, a RCE is enclosed to ensure that claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-12, 14-15, 17-21, 23-24 and 30, as amended, are entered as matter of right. However, in view of the Examiner's previous indication of allowability, all claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-12, 14-15, 17-21, 23-24 and 30, as pending, should also be deemed allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney at the Washington DC office at (202) 216-9505 ext. 232.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

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